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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Requirements Committee

SUBJECT : Request to Code IPC Lists

1. It is requested that your committee instruct the Requirements Coordinator to record the Types of Information and Targets in the IPC List in a mechanical coding system.

2. It is anticipated that such a codification of the list will have advantages both to the producer of the list and to the individual elements of DD/P using it, for operational programming, for country directives, and for collection action.

3. For producers of the List such a codification will simplify problems of revision and thus facilitate keeping the List current. Revisions are needed for two reasons: the Priority National Intelligence Objectives from which the List is derived are revised annually; the information needs expressed in the List change as new developments occur. Revisions made through mechanical systems will be recorded and reproduced faster, and at less expense in manhours.

4. For operational planners and collectors a mechanical codification will permit more flexibility in arraying information in a manner best suited to the problem at hand. For example, the List enumerates Types of Information and Targets for each of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives without regard for the country or geographic area in which they fall. This is sound, for the objective and not the geographic area governs the collection priority. However, often it is desirable to round up all information needs and targets for some particular geographic entity. To do so by hand is a laborious, time consuming project.

5. Discussions have been held between members of my staff and Mr. [] the Requirements Coordinator, and they are prepared to discuss in more detail the techniques required to reach the goals requested in this memorandum.

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Chairman, IPC